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PREFACE

THIS book is the first of a series designed for instruction in reading; it has been prepared with special reference to the needs of pupils who are just beginning to read sentences from the printed page. Simplicity, careful grading, and intrinsic interest of subject matter are recognized by all teachers of primary schools as the chief requisites in a first book. The following features of this book will indicate the care with which these requirements have been met: —

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2. Only a few new words are introduced in each lesson; these are placed at the head of the text, and may be taught before the lesson is read. The grading of the vocabulary is as nearly perfect as possible.

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4. The subject matter has been selected with a view to awakening and sustaining the interest of young children.

It relates to the children's games, pets, experiences, and environment.

5. The lessons have been so graded that the pupil may readily pass from the simple to the more difficult.

6. The book is supplied with a complete vocabulary and a key to pronunciation.

Baby see can you

Baby can see.

Baby can see you.

Can you see Baby?

This is

the bird a bird

This is a bird.

Can the bird see you?

The bird can see you.

Can Baby see the bird?

Baby can see the bird.

four in nest

blue eggs

See this nest!

See four eggs in this nest!

Is the bird in this nest?

Baby can see the nest.

You can see four blue eggs.

I have kittens play white

I have four kittens.

The kittens can play.

Can you see the white kitten?

See the white kitten play!

Baby can see the kittens.

Can the kittens see the bird?

Mamma what has for

See this Baby!

This Baby can see Mamma.

Mamma can see the Baby.

What has Mamma for Baby?

Can you see what Mamma has?

Baby can see what Mamma has.

See this Baby play!

green red leaf maple seeds

Mamma can see a leaf.
The leaf is green.
Baby has a leaf.
The leaf is red.
It is a maple leaf.
See the maple seeds.

here tree are

yellow two

Here are two birds.

The birds are yellow.

Can you see the birds?

Can you see the nest?

Eggs are in the nest?

The nest is in the tree.

REVIEW.

I have four kittens.

Have you a kitten?

See the white kitten play!

I can see a tree.

The tree is green.

This is a maple tree.

This maple leaf is yellow.

Mamma has a green leaf.

Baby has a red leaf.

The bird has a nest.

What is in the nest?

Four eggs are in the nest.

The eggs are blue.

Here are two yellow birds.

I have seeds for the birds.

Fred dog it with big

This is Fred.

Fred has a dog.

What a big dog it is!

See the dog with Fred.

The dog plays with Fred.

Have you a dog?

Is it a big dog?

an orange blossoms do sweet

Here are white blossoms.

Can you see the white blossoms?

Mamma has an orange tree.

The orange tree is green.

It has sweet white blossoms.

Do you see the orange blossoms?

Orange blossoms are sweet.

The blossoms are for you.

Here are the sweet blossoms.

grew on was from then

I have an orange for you.

See! it is a sweet orange.

It grew on the orange tree.

It grew on the tree Mamma has.

The tree grew from a seed.

The orange was green.

Then it was yellow.

Seeds are in this orange.

Do you see the orange seeds?

little loves book read to

I see you, little Baby.
Can you see Mamma?
Mamma loves the Baby.
The Baby loves Mamma.
Mamma has a book.
Mamma can read to the Baby.
The little Baby has a big book.
Can the little Baby read?
Can the Baby read to Mamma?
Can you read, little Baby?
You play you can read.
You play you read from the book.
Mamma loves to have you read.
I love a sweet little Baby.

pretty they apple them

What pretty blossoms!

They are apple blossoms.

The apple blossoms are sweet.

Do you see them?

They are for Mamma.

They grew on a tree.

They grew on an apple tree.

A nest is in the apple tree.

A little bird is in the nest.

fell were like Grace

What a big red apple this is!

This big red apple is for Grace.

Do you like red apples?

The blossoms fell from the tree.

Then the little apples grew.

They were little green apples.

Then they were red.

Can you see the apple seeds?

Do you see the apple leaf?

REVIEW.

Fred has a big dog.

I have a big white dog.

See the dog play with Fred.

Do see the sweet blossoms!

They are orange blossoms.

Grace has a big orange.

It grew on a green tree.

Mamma loves to read.

The little Baby has a book.

Here is a red apple.

Apple blossoms are pretty.

I like them; do you?

They fell from a tree.

A nest was in the tree.

Eggs were in the nest.

my run
flag and

I have a flag.
My flag is pretty.
I can run with my flag.
I can run and play with it.
Do you see my little flag?
I love the pretty flag.

doll may will me new

Have you a new doll?

What a pretty doll it is!

Will you play with me?

My big doll is here.

Do you like it? I do.

You may play with the big doll.

I will play with the little doll.

This is my little doll here.

I love to play with the dolls.

ball toss five girls

See! I have a new ball.

It is a red and white ball.

Will you toss the ball to me?

I will toss it to Grace.

See Grace run for the ball!

Grace will toss the ball to me.

Then I will toss it to you.

See the five little girls play ball!

They like to play ball.

yes no come

I have a pretty flag.
My pretty flag is new.
It is red, white, and blue.
Do you like my flag?
Yes, what a pretty flag it is!
Can you run with it?
Yes, see me run to you.
Have you a flag, Grace?
No, but I have a new doll.
Will you come and see it?
Yes, I will come with my ball.
We will toss the ball.
We can run for it.
Fred will play with the dog.

Helen hoop roll fast your

Here comes Helen, with a hoop.

O, you have a new hoop, Helen!

You can roll your hoop fast.

I have a hoop. Here it is.

Come with me and roll the hoops.

You and I will run with them.

Here is Grace with a hoop.

See the girls run!

The girls like to run fast.

sing look let be us

O, look, look! What can this be?
Do let me see! What is it?
Come here. Run fast.
What can it be?
Is it a little kitten?
No. O, what is it?
Is it a little dog?
No, no. I will see what it is.
O, look, look here! I see.
It is a pretty little bird.
The bird will sing to you.
Sing, little bird! Sing for us!
Will you sing for us?
Here are seeds for you, little bird.

at how

if we

catch

My dog and I like to run.
We can run fast. See us!
We like to run. Look at us!
Let us see how fast we can run.
See if I can catch my dog.
I will catch you, little dog.
How fast my dog can run!
We like to run and play.
I like to run with my dog.
Catch my blossoms, little dog!

Papa	horse
too	he
not	good

Have you a horse?

My Papa has a horse.

He is a white horse.

He is a good horse, too.

I like this good white horse.

My dog likes this horse, too.

Here they are! Look at my big dog!

See the little dog, too.

The horse will not run.

My dog will not let the horse run.

go his school that

See Helen with that new hoop.
Helen likes to roll the hoop.
Can you roll a hoop fast?
Mamma likes to sing and read.
I like to read a book.
I have a book at school.
Look at my new book.
Let us read in my new book.
How fast we can run!
Fred can go fast and catch us.
Do you see that white horse?
My Papa is good to his horse.
My horse and I like the dog.
Here is an apple for the horse.

am good-by

six going

old years

Good-by! I am going to school.

I have two books with me.

Do you like to go to school?

We sing in school. Do you like to sing?

I am six years old. How old are you?

I can read in my book.

Can you read in your book?

get

woods

some

flowers

Will you go with me?
We will go to the woods.
O, yes, Mamma; I will go.
I like to go to the woods.
Will the Baby go with us?

Yes, the Baby will go, too.
See the pretty trees, Mamma!
The birds sing in the trees.
I can see a nest in that tree.
Look, Mamma; see the little bird!
It is a little yellow bird.
Let us see if he will sing.
O, yes. What a sweet little bird!
I love the pretty birds; do you?
O, see the pretty flowers!
I will get some flowers for you.
Here they are, Mamma.
I will get some flowers for Baby.
Here are some blue and white flowers.
See Baby play with the flowers!
Baby likes to come to the woods.

one three fun rabbits

One little Baby you can see;

Two little birds are in a tree;

Three little dogs will run, run, run;

Four little kittens have fun, fun, fun;

Five little rabbits I can see;

How they like to play with me!

one two three four five

1 2 3 4 5

all ducks swim now when so

How do you do, little ducks?

I have come to see you.

Come, little ducks. Swim to me.

I can see you now, little ducks.

Can you see me and my doll?

I can see the three big ducks.

I can see your baby ducks, too!

Do see the baby ducks swim!

My little ducks can swim fast.

How do you swim so fast?

Do you like to swim, little ducks?

Yes, yes; we like to swim.

The big white duck can swim fast.

Are all your little ducks here?

I can not see all of them.

I can see three baby ducks.

I can not see five of them.

How old are you, little ducks?

I am five years old.

When I am big, I will swim, too.

away where warm

snow snowbirds

Look at the birds.

The birds are going away.

Where are they going?

They are going where it is warm.

It is not warm here.

The snow will come here.

Some birds do not like the snow.

Will all the birds go away?

No, some birds will not go away.

Some birds like the snow.

They are pretty little snowbirds.

The north wind doth blow,
And we shall have snow,
And what will the robin do then,
Poor thing!

He'll sit in the barn,
And keep himself warm,
And hide his head under his wing,
Poor thing!

Jack Frost	made	picture
make	window	him

Look! Jack Frost is here now.
He made a green tree look red.
He made the birds go away.
The flowers do not like him.
He makes snow-flowers now.
Come and look at this window!
See the pretty white picture here!
This one looks like a tree.
And here is a pretty leaf.
We like this pretty white picture.
Will it be here when the flowers come?
No, it will not be here then.
When will Jack make a new picture?

party ask many milk bread she

Will you come to my party, Fred ?
I will ask the Baby and my doll.
My kitten will come, too.
And the dog will like to come.
How many will be here ?

Let me see.

One, two, three, four, five.

And I am here. I make six.

What fun we will have!

Baby, will you have some milk?

Milk is good for you.

The kitten will have milk, too.

You see she likes milk.

The dog will have some bread.

Fred, will you have this orange?

What will the doll have?

She can have this red apple.

We will play the doll likes it.

I will have bread and milk.

I like bread and milk.

Now let us run and play.

take

out

feed

Where are you, little rabbits?
Come out here and see me.
I have come to see you.
You will like what I have for you.

We have come to feed you.
O, here you are!
You are white, like the snow.
I will catch you, little rabbit.
Fred may take you now.
What a big rabbit your Mamma is!
How she likes the green leaf!
How you all like to play!
See me catch that big rabbit.
The rabbits like to run in the woods.

One, two, three, four, five,
I caught a hare alive;
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,
I let him go again.

meat throw speak Prince stick

This is my dog Prince.
He will ask for meat.
Prince will speak for it.

Now ask for the meat, Prince!

Speak for it! Speak for it!

You see he is a good dog.

He will take an apple to Baby.

Here, Prince! take this apple to Baby.

Now look! I will get a stick.

Now I will throw it.

Get it, Prince! Go and get it!

See him run for it!

He will get the stick for me.

Look! He has it! See him come!

He will come with it.

Is he not a good dog?

Now you may play with him.

He will get a stick for you.

He likes to play with us.

seven eight nine ten

I can see one little duck.
My doll is two years old.
I have three flowers for Mamma.
Four pretty eggs are in the nest.
See the five rabbits play.
I am six years old.
Seven apples fell from the tree.
We have eight little dolls.
Eight and one make nine.
Ten little birds are in the tree.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

I II III IV V VI VII VIII IX X

eat

corn

gave

doves

I am going to feed my doves.

What do the doves like to eat?

I have some corn for them.

They will like this corn.

You may throw it to them.

See them come and get it!

Papa gave the pretty doves to me.

I like to come out and see them.

You may take this white one.

Can a dove swim like a duck?

snowflakes

snowball

clouds

sun

fall

into

O, see the snow!
How pretty it is!
Come to the window!
All the trees are white.
Let us go out in the snow.
Will you go with me, Fred?

Yes, I like to play in the snow.

Where do you come from, pretty snow-
flakes?

We come from the clouds, little girl.

How do you get to the clouds?

The sun takes us to the clouds.

Jack Frost makes us into snowflakes.

Then we fall from the clouds.

Can you make a snowball?

Grace has made a snowball.

She will throw it at Fred.

Look out for the snowball, Fred!

See Grace throw the snowball at Fred!

Then Fred made a snowball.

Look out, Grace, for this snowball!

What fun it is to throw snowballs!

think	never	guess
shall	tell	sister

What do you think we have at home?
You never, never can guess.
It is good and sweet.
It is little. O, so little!
You will love it. I do.
Guess what it is!
Is it a doll? No, it is not a doll.
Is it a little dog? No, it is not a dog.
Is it a little bird? Is it a little kitten?
No, it is not a bird. It is not a kitten.
O, you never can guess what it is!
Shall I tell you? Shall I tell you?
It is a sweet little sister for me!

step	march	walk
boy	best	of

One step! Baby is one year old.

Two steps! See the Baby walk!

Three steps! What a big boy Baby is!

Four steps! O, see him walk with me!

Five steps! Now let me see you march.

Six steps! Baby can march, you see.

Seven steps! Where are you going now?

Eight steps! I will not let you fall.

Nine steps! O, what fun this is!

Ten steps! That is the best of all!

show well drum guns

Do you see the eight boys?
One boy has a big flag.
See the big drum one boy has!
One boy has a little drum.
Four boys have new guns.
One little boy has a stick.
He plays the stick is his gun.
Where are you going, boys?
Show me how well you can march!

ride cart thank glad did

Where did you get your new cart?

My Papa gave it to me.

Will you take a ride with me?

Thank you; I shall be glad to go.

You may get in, little sister.

Do you see my new horse?

Yes; he is a good horse.

He will not run away, will he?

He never has run away with me.

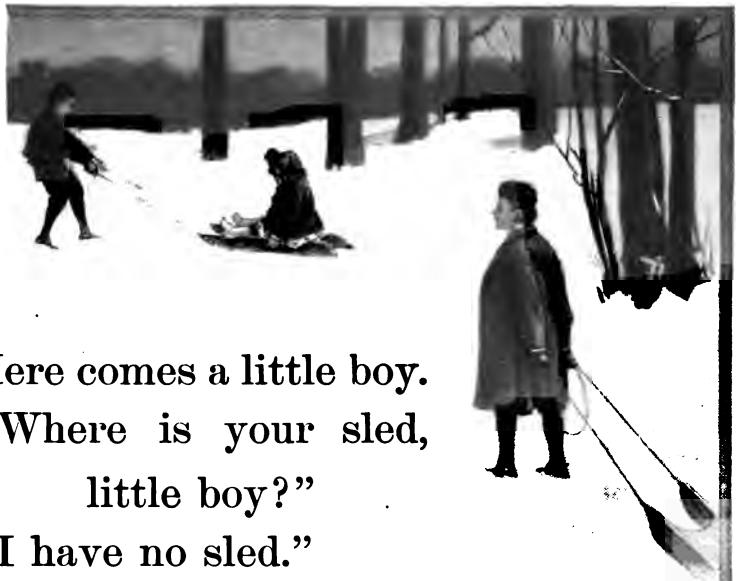
I like your new horse and cart.

Let us ask Mamma to ride.

Hurrah sled slide

Hurrah! See the
snow.
How white it is!
I will get my sled.
Will you get your
sled?
Come, now let us go.
We will have fun.
How fast we go!

Hurrah! What a good ride!



Here comes a little boy.
"Where is your sled,
little boy?"
"I have no sled."
"Will you slide here with me?"
"Oh, yes; thank you, I
shall be glad to
slide."

What good rides
we have!
The sleds go fast.
Do you like to ride fast?

say
who
deer
shoot
Indian
Grandma

I play I am a little Indian boy.
I go away to the woods.
I see the little rabbits.
They say, "Do not shoot us!"
I do not shoot the rabbits.
I see a red deer in the woods.
I shoot the red deer.
I take it home to my Grandma.
We have the meat to eat.
Can you guess who I am?

her

black

basket

give

Edith

What is in your basket, Helen?
You may look and see, Edith.
O, what pretty little kittens!
What will you do with them?
I shall give one to Grace.
Grace has no little kitten.
Do not tell Grace; will you?
No, I will not tell her.

Grace will like this kitten.
She will give it some milk.
The kitten likes milk.
Grace will play with the kitten.
I have a black kitten.

Pussy cat, pussy cat,
  Where have you been?
I've been to London,
  To look at the queen.

Pussy cat, pussy cat,
  What did you there?
I frightened a little mouse
  Under the chair.

sky

said

paint

house

brook

Fred will paint a picture for Grace.

Grace can not paint a picture.

She will see Fred paint one.

"Here is the blue sky," said Fred.

"Now we will paint a green tree.

Shall we have a little house?"

"Yes, and some windows in it."

"Now we will paint a brook."

"Now paint a bird for me."

bring soon day home while

What a pretty mamma dog that is!
What pretty little dogs, too!
May I take one away with me?
You may take him a little while.
Thank you. Come with me, little dog.
Pretty little dog, come with me.
I will bring him home soon.
You three little dogs can not go.
You may go with me some day.
You can play here at home now.
You can play here with your Mamma.
You may all go with me some day.
We will come home soon.
Good-by, little dogs! Good-by.

under

kind

there

ever

table

tea-set

O, what a pretty tree!
Guess what is on it.
Are apples on this tree?
No; a new doll is on it.
The doll is for little sister.
A yellow ball is on the tree.

This is for the baby boy.

That picture book is for him, too.

There is a pretty book for Mamma.

She will like that book.

There are books and pictures for all.

O, look at that red basket!

What do you think is in it?

You like what is in it.

It is good and sweet.

O, look under the tree!

Here is a little table.

On it is a tea-set for me.

And here is a new sled for Fred.

Do you like this tree?

What kind of a tree is it?

Did you ever have a tree like this?

tired asleep dear playing watch

Where is my little boy?

I can tell you where he is.

He is with the big dog.

They have been playing ball.

The little boy was tired.

Now he is fast asleep.

The big dog is not asleep.

He will watch this little boy.

He loves this dear little boy.

land cold know

I will give my doll a ride.

I think it will be good for her.

She is not well. She has a cold.

Do you think she looks well?

I think we will go away.

We will go where it is warm.

I will take her where oranges grow.

It is not cold there, you know.

She will get well in a warm land.

Good-by, Grace! Good-by, Helen!

ran been horn

cows blows

Fred has a new horn.

"Now I will be Little Boy Blue," he says.

So he plays he is "Little Boy Blue."

He has been fast asleep.

When he was asleep, the cows ran away.

The cows ran into the corn.

He plays my kittens are his cows.

Now Fred is not asleep.

Here he comes! See him run!

See the cows run away!

Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn;
The sheep's in the meadow, the cow's in
the corn.
What! Is this the way you mind your
sheep,
Under the haycock fast asleep?

fly

near

down

Look at the little snowbirds!
See them fly to this tree!
This tree is near my window.
What kind of tree is this?
It is green all the year.
This is a cold day.
The little birds look cold.
They are glad to fly to this tree.
I will throw some seeds to them.
See them fly down to eat the seeds!
"Thank you for the seeds," they say.
Now sing to me, little birds.

Robin, robin, little robin,
  Curled up on the winter bough,
Come! for I have crumbs to give you,
  Nice good crumbs to give you now.

Snow is falling, falling, falling;
  There is not a worm or fly
For your breakfast or your supper;
  But we can not let you die.

Robin, robin, little robin,
  All your songs were glad and sweet;
Come down hither to the door-step;
  You shall have good crumbs to eat.

spin their tops goes Frank

The boys are playing with their tops.
See the tops! How fast they spin!
The boys have some good tops.
My top will not spin well.
Frank will show you how to spin it.
There it goes! It spins fast now!
Come, let us spin all our tops! Come!
What makes a top spin? Can you tell?
Can you spin a top?

man	tall	Mr.
garden	snowman	should

What do you see in my garden?
An old man is out there.
He is tall and white.
This is Mr. Snowman.
"How do you do, Mr. Snowman?
Do you like this cold day?"
"Yes; I do not like the warm sun."
"Can you walk, Mr. Snowman?"
"No; I should like to walk and run."
"I will make you run," said the sun.
The day grew warm.
Mr. Snowman grew little.
Then he ran away to the brook.

tent	lion	only
bear	ostrich	saw

Frank plays he has a tent.

We will go into his tent.

What have you here, Frank?

O, look! see what Frank has!

"This is my white bear," said Frank.

"What a big white bear that is!

O, I never saw one like that."

"Here is my big lion," said Frank.

"O, I shall run from your lion.

Where did you get that lion?"

"This is my ostrich."

"Your ostrich is a tall bird."

Frank was only playing.

He did not have a lion.

He did not have a bear.

He did not have an ostrich.

What do you think he did have?

The little white kitten was his bear.

Papa's big dog was Frank's lion.

Helen's little bird was his ostrich.

up

put

but

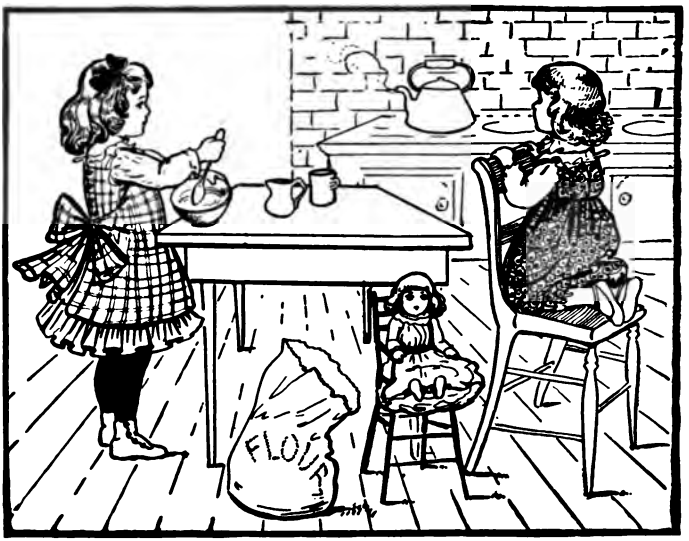
back

knew

would

Jack is my Papa's horse.
He is a big black horse.
Do you like a black horse?
Let me tell you what Jack did.
One day Papa put us on Jack's back.
We were little boys then.
We were only three years old.

Jack saw us get on his back.
We said to him, "Get up, Jack!
Get up! get up! go fast!"
But Jack would not go fast.
He would not like to see us fall.
He knew we were little boys.
Jack would not let us fall.
We all love Jack. Come here, Jack!
I will give you some apples.



roses flour cake to-day

Grace, what are you going to do?

I am going to make a cake.

Can you make a cake?

O, yes, I can make a good cake.

What do you put into your cake?

I have put in some milk.

I have put some eggs into my cake.
Mamma tells me to put in flour.
Your cake will be good, I know.
What are you going to do with it?
I will tell you. Do not tell my doll.
My doll is two years old to-day.
I have made this cake for her.
I am going to give her a party.
We shall have this cake to eat.
I shall put roses on the cake.
I shall have two red roses.
You know she is two years old.
I think two roses will be pretty.
It is a little cake. I like it.
If you will come, I shall be glad.
We will give you some of the cake.

moon round

far water shines bright

O, come to the window, Helen!
See the bright, pretty moon.
Look out on the water, Helen!
The moon shines on the water.
How big and round the moon looks!
Did it look round when it was new?
Is the moon near us?
No; the moon is far, far away.

THE MOON.

O, look at the moon,
  She is shining up there ;
O, Mother, she looks
  Like a lamp in the air.

Last week she was smaller,
  And shaped like a bow ;
But now she's grown bigger,
  And round like an O.

ELIZA LEE FOLLEN.

light God heat

How bright the sun is to-day!
See the bright sun up in the sky!
The sun gives light to us.
The sun gives heat to us.
Birds like the bright sun.
The flowers like the bright sun.
I like to play when the sun shines.
The sun is far, far away.
We thank God for the bright sun.

hat	wind	rains
time	paper	boat

It rains fast and the wind blows.

There is no school to-day.

We will play in the house.

We will have a good time.

Will you give us some paper, Mamma?

We can make paper dolls.

Look, Grace, and see what I have made!

This is a hat for your doll.

I made it of this red paper.

If you like it, you may have it.

I will make a hat for my kitten.

Here is a paper boat, too.

I will put the paper doll in it.

store	much	please
cents	again	fine

Now we will play store.

We like to play store.

Have you some paper dolls?

How much is this doll, please?

That doll is five cents.

Here is a big doll for ten cents.

I will take the little doll.

Here are the five cents.

Thank you.

Have you hats for paper dolls?

O, yes, I have some fine hats.

Please show me your hats.

How much is this red hat?

That best red hat is two cents.

I have five hats for three cents.

I like your little hats.

I will take five paper hats.

My sister has five paper dolls.

So I will get five hats for them.

Here are the three cents.

Good-by! You have a fine store.

Good-by! Please come again.

REVIEW.

My Papa has a boat.

It is blue and white.

It is a pretty boat.

Four of us will take a ride.

Ask Mamma if we may go.

We can have a fine boat ride!

How we like to ride!

Will you take the little dog?

Yes, the little white dog may go.

I will take my doll with me.

We like to ride on the water.

O, what fun this is! I like it.

Now play we can not see the land!

We will ride on, and on, and on.

We will ride to the land of snow.

It is cold in that land.

Now we will ride back again.

Now ride to the land of flowers!

It is warm in the land of flowers.

Now let us come home.

On and on we will ride.

Now we will ride to see Mamma.

as

barn

could

jump

whip

work

Grandpa

Do you see us?

Grandpa has been at work in his garden.

Now he will give us a ride.

This is my little sister.

Her doll is with her.

Grandpa likes to give us a ride.

It is fun to ride like this.

Do you see my fine whip?

Did you ever see a whip like this?

See the little dog run and jump!

Did you ever have a ride like this?

Where do you think we are going?

We are going to the barn.

Grandpa goes fast with us.

You go fast with us, Grandpa.

I did not think you could go so fast.

You will not let us fall; will you?

O, no, he will not let us fall.

I like to have him go fast.

Grandpa loves my sister and me.

Have you a dear Grandpa?

Will your Grandpa play with you?

drink plant roots

leaves ground

I have a little flower-garden.

I will plant some seeds to-day.

I will put them into the ground.

The rain will come. Seeds like rain.

The sun will warm the ground.

Soon there will be some white roots.

Then up will come two little leaves.

They will like the rain and the sun.

Soon I shall have some tall flowers.
I shall give them water to drink.
Flowers like water to drink.
Soon I shall have some red roses.
Do you like red roses?

Good-morrow, pretty rosebush!
  I pray you tell me true,
To be as sweet as a red, red rose
  What must a body do?

To be as sweet as a red, red rose,
  A little girl like you
Just grows, and grows, and grows,
    and grows,
  And that's what she must do.

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MARY MAPES DODGE.

ocean	shells	by
sand	colors	had

Fred and I are down by the ocean.

We love to play by the water.

Do you like to play in the sand?

We get pretty shells on the sand.

There are pretty colors on the shells.

We are glad this big boat is here.

We have had good fun playing with it.

Now see me go! One, two, three!

kite hold field

over high

The wind blows to-day.

This is a good day to fly a kite.

A kite will go up well to-day.

Fred has made a fine kite.

Come, let us run down to the field.

Hold up the kite as high as you can.

When you throw it, I will run.

One, two, three! Now let it go!

Now run as fast as you can! Run, run!

Away goes the kite up over the trees.

What makes a kite go up?

"Where are you going, Mr. Kite?"

"Up to the moon," said he.

wheel **help**

mill **hear**

meal **stones**

Come with me down to the brook.
Hear the brook sing to us as it
runs over the stones!
I like to hear the brook sing.
This brook runs on to the ocean.
I have a water wheel down here
in this brook.

Here it is. I made this wheel.

"That is a fine wheel," said Fred.

Look! see the water go over it!

Round and round the wheel goes.

The water makes it go round.

My Papa has a mill.

Let us play we have a mill, too.

Play this is the mill wheel.

We take the corn to the mill.

The corn is ground into fine meal.

Then we take the meal home.

Mamma makes corn cakes with the meal.

They are very sweet and good.

We like to eat the corn cakes.

The brook, the wheel, the mill, all help to make the bread.

try
peep
helped

yarn
came
these

Two little birds made a pretty nest.
Little Helen helped them make it.
What did Helen do for them?
She put some yarn under the trees.
The yarn was for the birds' nest.
The little birds saw the yarn.

"What fine yarn for a nest!" they said.
"This will help to make a warm nest."
They were glad to have this yarn.
One day, what did Helen see?
I think you can guess, if you try.
She saw four eggs in the nest.
They were pretty little blue eggs.
One day Helen saw some little birds.
There were four baby birds in the nest.
They said to her, "Peep, peep, peep."
She said, "O, you dear little birds!"
"O, Mamma," she said, "do come here.
Come and see these dear little birds."
Mamma came to look at them.
They said, "Peep, peep, peep," to Mamma.
By and by they will fly away.

our

very

wish

kitty

swing

Guess what Papa did for us.
He put up a swing for us.
It is out under the apple tree.
You can see our swing out there.
Will you go out and swing?
Here we are! Now you get in.
Do you like to swing? O, yes!

Now I will swing you high.
Do you like to swing very high?
O, yes! I wish I could swing to the top
of the tree.
Up to the green leaves now we go.
Now I am down again! See me go!
I like to swing high like this.
You get in now. I will swing you.
I will swing you as high as I can.
I will let my doll swing with you.
She likes to swing high with you.
Swing, swing as high as the little
birds fly.
O, let us give the kitty a swing!
Do you like to swing, little kitty?
No, I do not like it. Take me out.

THE SWING.

How do you like to go up in a swing,
  Up in the air so blue?
O, I do think it the pleasantest thing
  Ever a child can do!

Up in the air and over the wall,
  Till I can see so wide,
Rivers and trees and cattle, and all
  Over the country side.

Till I look down on the garden green,
  Down on the roof so brown;—
Up in the air I go flying again,
  Up in the air and down.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

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why dish

chick dinner

Robert chickens

Robert, where are you? Come here.
O, come out to the barn with me.
I have some corn for the chickens.
Chick, chick, chick! Come here!
Where is your Mamma?
I will throw some corn for her.
That little one runs as fast as he can.
See him come for his dinner!

Some of them try to fly.
See the little white chicken run!
Here is a black one. Look at him.
Our chickens are all here now.
Here is your dinner, little chickens.
The little chicks do not like corn.
They like corn meal with water.
Do not get into the dish, chick!
O, there he is in the dish!
O, chick, chick, get out of the dish!
Why will these chicks get into the dish?
Do you like your good dinner?
"Peep, peep, peep," the chickens said.
That was "Yes, yes, yes!"
We thank you for our dinner.
Please come again very soon.

angel	kiss	alone	grow
face	another	pansy	left

A little flower grew far away.
No one came to see that pretty flower.
One day a good angel saw the flower.
She gave it a sweet kiss.
"You are very pretty," she said.
"Why do you grow here all alone?
Come away from here. Come with me.
You can do good to all.
We shall all love you very much."
The angel gave the flower another kiss.
She left a picture on the flower.
It was a picture of her face.
We can see her picture on the pansy.
We all love this pretty face.

seen still found

hide-and-seek looked

O, where is my little sister?

Have you seen her?

Do you know where to look for her?

I do not know where she is.

We are playing hide-and-seek.

Now I will look for my sister.

Where are you, little sister?

Speak to me! Tell me where you are!

She will not tell me where she is.

You see how still she is!

I have looked in the barn.

I have looked in the house.

Then I looked in the big cart.

She is not there. Where can she be?

Now where shall I look?

O, I will look in the garden.

There she is! I have found her.

O, I see you now! I see you!

There you are! There you are!

I see you, little sister!

I see you there in the tall flowers.

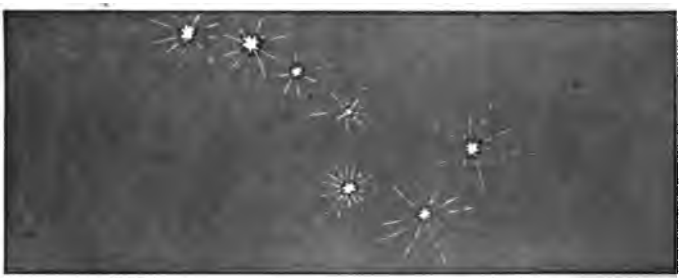
cut wash dress lambs

wool soft grass

Grandpa has four little lambs.
Little Grace will go and see them.
How the little lambs run to Grace!
They run fast on the soft green grass.
In a year the lambs will be big. Then
Grandpa will take them to the brook.

He will wash their wool very white.
Then he will cut their wool.
He will take the wool to a mill.
Then what is made from it?
Little Grace has on a warm dress.
Her dress is made of wool.
The lambs gave Grace her dress.

Baa! baa! black sheep!
  Have you any wool?
Yes, sir; yes, sir;
  Three bags full.
One for my master,
  One for my dame,
One for the little boy
  That lives in the lane.



night stars count those

We can see the stars at night.

O, look up into the sky!

See the bright stars up there!

How many stars we can see!

I wish I knew how many there are!

Let us try to count them.

O, we can not count so many.

Count those bright stars over there.

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

Tell me what those seven stars look like.

A little boy was dreaming,
Upon his nurse's lap,
That the pins fell out of all the stars,
And the stars fell into his cap.
So when his dream was over,
What did that little boy do?
Why, he went and looked inside his cap,
And found it was not true.

tick-tock	once	hall
clock	hide	find

Edith has come to see her Grandma.
In the hall there is a tall clock.
Edith likes to go to this old clock.
"What a tall clock this is!" said she.
Edith looked into the big clock.
The clock said, "Tick-tock! Tick-tock!"
Once Edith was playing hide-and-seek.
"Where shall I hide?" she said.
"O, I will get into this clock!"
Edith did get into the big clock.
Then how still she was!
Mamma said, "Where can my little girl be?
Where are you, Edith? Where are you?"
Edith did not speak. She was very still.

Mamma looked here and there.
She could not find her little girl.
"I cannot find you," said Mamma.
Then Edith looked out of the clock.
"O, there you are!" said Mamma.
"I did not think you were in there."

Hickory, dickory, dock,
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one,
And down he run,
Hickory, dickory, dock.

Ruth fish fire

best took

Two little girls have come to see Ruth.

They like to come to see Ruth.

One day the three girls took a walk.

They said, "Let us go to the woods."

They took a basket with them.

In the basket was some bread.

Mamma gave them some apples.

She put some cake into the basket.
They had some milk and some eggs.
They had some oranges, too.
By and by they came to a brook.
"O, what a pretty brook this is!"
Then they came to the woods.
"Let us eat our dinner here," said Ruth.
Some one had cut down a tree.
"We can have this tree for our table.
What a good table it will make!"
By and by they saw a man.
"Who is that?" said the little girls.
"It is my Papa," said Ruth.
She ran up to him.
"Where have you been?" she said to him.
"I have been to the brook," said her Papa.

"I have some fish for you.
I knew you would be down here.
May I have my dinner with you?"
"O, yes, yes," said all the girls.
"We are so glad you are here."
"Would you like some fish for your dinner?"
"O, yes," said Ruth, "that will be good!"
"I will make a fire for you," said he.
The girls saw him make the fire.
Then he put the fish into a dish.
He put the dish over the fire.
"O, this fish will be good," said Papa.
"Come, girls, let us eat our dinner."
"What a fine dinner this is!" said Papa.
"It is the best I ever had."

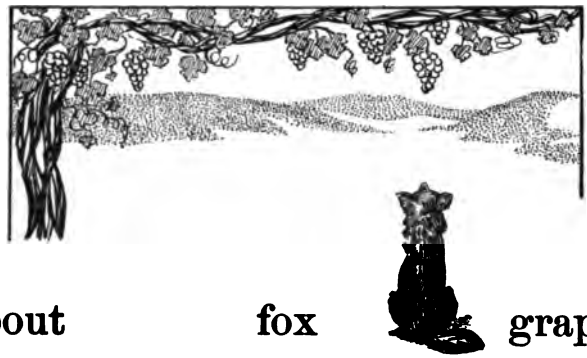
cars	rode	swans
went	park	lake

Where have you been, little girls?
We have been riding in the cars.
We have been down to the ocean.
Ruth found some pretty shells there.
Then we went into the water.
What fun we had in the water!

Now we are going to the park.
What a pretty lake there is in the park!
Ruth said, "See the pretty white boats!"
"Those are swan-boats," said Helen.
"We will have a ride on one of them."
The girls rode up and down the lake.
They saw some pretty white swans.
"Now let us go and see the lions.
We will see them eat," said Helen.
"Here comes the man with their meat.
That big lion looks as if he would jump
for it."
"Come, let us see the big white bear!"
"Is it not warm for you here, Mr. Bear?"
Then the girls saw a tall ostrich.
They had never seen so tall a bird.

own lost bridge greedy jumped

One bright day a dog had some meat.
"This is fine meat," he said.
"I will take it home and eat it."
He had to go over a brook.
By and by he was on the bridge.
He looked down into the still water.
He saw his picture in the water.
He said, "O, here is another dog.
This dog has some meat.
My meat is not so good as his.
I will have his meat, too."
He jumped to get it.
When he jumped, he lost his own meat.
Do you think he was greedy again?



about	fox	grapes
must	sour	wants

I will tell you about a fox.
One day he saw some fine grapes.
They were up very high.
How he did wish for some of them!
"I must have some," he said.
He jumped, and jumped, and jumped.
He could not get the grapes.
"O, well! who wants them!" he said.
"They are sour; I do not want them."

What does little birdie say,
In her nest at peep of day?
"Let me fly," says little birdie,
"Mother, let me fly away."
"Birdie, rest a little longer,
Till the little wings are stronger."
So she rests a little longer,
Then she flies away.

What does little Baby say,
In her bed at peep of day?
Baby says, like little birdie,
"Let me rise and fly away."
"Baby, sleep a little longer,
Till the little limbs are stronger."
If she sleeps a little longer,
Baby, too, shall fly away.

ALFRED TENNYSON.

rainbow drops violet beautiful

"Come, girls, and see this beautiful rainbow!

See! the clouds are all going away!"

"What makes the rainbow so pretty?"

"The sun shines on the drops of rain."

"How many colors are there?"

"One, two, three, four, five, six."

"What are they? Can you tell me?"

"Violet, blue, green, yellow, orange, red."

What flowers are like these colors?

What birds are like these colors, too?

	gold	rained
foot	sat	walked

Did you ever hear this story?
Once there was a little boy.
His home was in a land far away.
Some one said, "A pot of gold is at the foot of the rainbow."

This little boy said, "I will get that pot
of gold.
I will get it when I see the rainbow again."
Once it rained all day.
The little boy looked for the rainbow.
By and by the sun was seen again.
"O, there is the rainbow!" said the boy.
Then the little boy put on his hat.
And he walked, and walked, and walked.
"That rainbow is far, far away," he said.
By and by he grew very tired.
The rainbow was still far away.
So the boy sat down on the grass.
He was very, very tired.
His Mamma found him fast asleep.
Do you think he found the pot of gold?

slow quick

race hare

nap fellow

first tortoise

I will tell you about a hare.

The hare is a quick fellow.

He can run very fast.

The tortoise is a slow fellow.

He can not run fast.

The hare and the tortoise had a race.

They were to run to a tree.

The hare ran on very fast.

"The tortoise is so slow!" said the hare.

"I can take a nap," the hare said.

"I shall get to the tree first.
I can take a little nap now."
Soon he was fast asleep.
But the tortoise did not take a nap.
With slow steps the tortoise came on.
He soon came up to the hare.
He saw the hare in the soft grass.
"Well!" said he, "the hare is fast asleep!
I will not take a nap, not I!"
He went on and on, with slow steps.
By and by he came to the tree.
Then the hare looked up.
He saw the tortoise near the tree.
How the hare did jump and run then!
But the tortoise was at the tree first.
Would you be the tortoise or the hare?

spring hole squirrel sugar sap

A little Indian boy went into the woods.
It was a warm day in the spring.
The boy saw a little squirrel in the tree.
The squirrel said, "Do not shoot me!
I will tell you about this tree.
You will be glad to know what is in it.
Some sweet sap is in this tree.

Would you like to know how to get the sweet sap?

I will tell you how to get it.

Make a hole in this tree."

The boy made a hole in the tree.

Then the sap ran out from the tree.

"Catch the sap in a dish," said the squirrel.

"Run home and put it over the fire."

The boy ran home, as fast as he could.

He put the dish on the fire.

By and by the sap was like sugar.

This was the first maple sugar ever made.

From that time, the Indians were very kind to the squirrel.

met off North coat strong

One day Mr. North Wind met the sun.
He said, "See me. I am strong.
You are not so strong as I am.
I can make that man take off his coat,"
said Mr. North Wind.
"I will blow, and blow, and blow."
"O, how cold it is!" said the man.
"I am glad I have on my warm coat."
He did not take off his coat.
Then the sun said, "Let me try!
I will shine, and shine, and shine."
"O, how warm it is!" said the man,
"I must take off this warm coat."
And off his coat came at once.

game Red Riding Hood wolf
bed cape fur cap says

Robert and Helen are playing the game of Little Red Riding Hood.

Robert has on Papa's fur coat. He plays he is the wolf.

Grace has on a white cap. She plays she is the dear old Grandma.

She is in bed, and plays she is fast asleep.

Helen has on a red hood and cape, for she is Little Red Riding Hood.

She plays she is in the woods.

Robert comes up to her and says, "Where are you going, little girl?"

"I am going to take this cake to my Grandma," said Red Riding Hood.

"Where is your Grandma's house?" said the wolf to her.

"It is down by the mill in the woods," said Red Riding Hood.

"Good-by," said the wolf and away he ran to Grandma's house.

For some time they play this game.

Do you know about Red Riding Hood?

Can you tell me more about her?

butterfly	every	woke
friends	poor	long

One day a bird saw a butterfly.
"How beautiful you are!" said the bird.
"How I like to look at you!
Do let us be friends; I love you."
"Once you did not love me," the butterfly said. "Once you were not kind to me. You said I was a poor fellow."
"O, I never could have said that," said the bird. "I love all who are beautiful."

"You may love me now," said the butterfly, "but when you said I was a poor fellow, I was not so beautiful."

"How can this be?" said the bird.

"I will tell you. I took a long nap. I was asleep when the days were cold.

One bright day in the spring I woke.

I found I could fly. I did not have on my old coat. I had on this new, beautiful coat.

Will you come to the flower-garden with me?

I will be your friend. But you must be kind to every one you see. Do not do by them as you did by me."

GENERAL REVIEW.

I went to a party today.

I will tell you who was there and what we did.

All the little boys and girls were there.

There were ever so many yellow lights on the table.

Little yellow baskets of flowers and stars were over the table.

There was a red rose for every girl.

There was a pansy for every boy.

We had bread, chicken and eggs to eat.

We had yellow butterflies made of sugar.

We had grapes and oranges.

We had a fine ride on the lake.

O, we had fun at the party today!

KEY TO PRONUNCIATION.

ā	as in	āle
ȧ	"	senȧte
â	"	âir
ă	"	ăm
ä	"	ärm
a	"	final
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ė	"	ėvent
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ṳ	"	ṳnite
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ụ	"	fụll

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y̆	"	pity̆
ȳ	"	flȳ
o͞o	"	fo͞od
ŏŏ	"	fŏŏt
n̲	"	ban̲k
s	"	so
ṣ	"	has̱
ç	"	çell
c	"	cat
ou	"	out
oi	"	oil
z	"	zone

ạ (= ŏ)	as in	whạt
ẹ (= ā)	"	obẹy
ī (= ẽ)	"	bīrd
ọ (= o͞o)	"	dọ
ġ (= j)	"	ġem
th	"	thin
th	"	that
ọ (= ŏŏ or ụ)	"	wọlf
ȯ (= ŭ)	"	sȯn
ÿ (= ẽ)	"	mÿrtle

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ȧ bout′
ȧ gain (ȧ gĕn′)
ạ*ll*
ȧ lōn*e*′
ȧ lŏng′
ăm
ăn
ănd
ān′ ġĕl
ăn ȯth′ ẽr
ăp′ pl*e*
ärе
ăs̩
ȧsk
ȧ slē*e*p′
ăt
ȧ wā*y*′

bā′, bȳ
băck
bạ*ll*
bärn
bȧs′ kĕt
bē
be*â*r
b*ea*ū′ tĭ fụl
bĕd
been (bĭn)
bĕst
bĭg
bĭrd
blăck
blŏs′ sȯms̩
blō*w*s̩
blū*e*
bō*a*t
bo͞ok
boy
brĕ*a*d
brĭ*dg*e
brī*gh*t
brĭng
bro͞ok
bŭt
bŭt′ tẽr flȳ
bȳ

cāk*e*
cām*e*
căn
căp
cāp*e*
cärs̩
cärt
căt*c*h
çĕnts
chĭck
chĭck′ ĕns̩
clŏck
clouds̩
cō*a*t
cōld
cȯl′ ȯrs̩
cȯm*e*
côrn

cọ*ul*d
count
cowş
cŭt

dā*y*
dē*a*r
dē*e*r
dĭd
dĭn′ nẽr
dĭsh
dọ
dŏg
dŏl*l*
dȯve*s*
down
drĕ*ss*
drĭnk
drŏps
drŭm
dŭ*c*ks

ē*a*t
Ē′ dĭth
ĕg*g*ş
ē*igh*t
ĕv′ ẽr
ĕv′ ẽr ў

fāç*e*
fạ*ll*
fär
fȧst
fē*e*d
fĕl*l*
fĕl′ lō*w*
f*i*ēld
fīnd
fī*n*e
fī*r*e
fĭrst
fĭsh
fī*v*e
flăg
flour
flow′ ẽrş
flȳ
fo͝ot
fôr
found
fō*u*r
fŏx
Frănk
Frĕd
fr*i*ĕndş
frŏm

fŭn
fûr

gām*e*
gär′ d*e*n
gāv*e*
gĕt
gĭrlş
gĭv*e*
glăd
gō
Gŏd
gō*e*ş
gō′ ĭng
gōld
go͝od
go͝od-bȳ′
Grāç*e*
grănd′ mä
grănd′ pä
grāp*e*s
grȧ*ss*
grē*e*d′ ў
grē*e*n
grew
ground
grō*w*

g*u*ĕs*s*
gŭnṣ

hăd
hāl*l*
hâr*e*
hăṣ
hăt
hăv*e*
hē
hē*a*r
hē*a*t
Hĕl′ ĕn
hĕlp
hĕr
hēr*e*
hīd*e*
hīd*e*-ănd-sē*e*k
hī*gh*
hĭm
hĭṣ
hōld
hōl*e*
hōm*e*
hōōp
hôrn
hôrs*e*

hous*e*
how
hụr räh′

I

ĭf
ĭn
Ĭn′ dĭ an
ĭn′ tọ
ĭṣ
ĭt

Jăck Frŏst
jŭmp
jŭmp*e*d

kīnd
kĭs*s*
kīt*e*
kĭt′ t*e*nṣ
kĭt′ tĭ
*k*new
*k*nō*w*

lāk*e*
lăm*b*ṣ
lănd
lē*a*f

lē*a*v*e*ṣ
lĕft
lĕt
lī*gh*t
līk*e*
lī′ ȯn
lĭt′ tl*e*
lŏng
lo͝ok
lo͝ok*e*d
lŏst
lȯv*e*ṣ

mād*e*
māk*e*
mȧm mä′
măn
ma′ nĭ
mā′ pl*e*
märch
māy
mē
mē*a*l
mē*a*t
mĕt
mĭlk
mĭl*l*

Mr.
mōōn
mŭch
mŭst
mȳ

năp
nē*a*r
nĕst
nĕv′ ẽr
new
nī*gh*t
nīn*e*
nō
Nôrth
nŏt
now

Ō
ō′ çean
ŏf (ŏv)
ŏf*f*
ōld
ŏn
ȯnce
ȯne
ōn′ lȳ

ŏr′ anġe (ŏr′ ĕnj)
ŏs′ trĭch
our
out
ō′ vẽr
ō*w*n

pā*i*nt
păn′ ṣȳ
pȧ pä′
pā′ pẽr
pärk
pär′ tȳ
pē*e*p
pĭc′ tu̇r*e*
plănt
plā*y*
plā*y* ĭng
plē*a*ṣ*e*
pōōr
pŏt
pret′ tȳ
prĭnç*e*
pu̇t

quĭck

răb′ bĭts
rāç*e*
rā*i*n′ bō*w*
rā*i*n*e*d
rā*i*nṣ
răn
rē*a*d
rĕd
Rĕd Rīd′ ĭng Hŏŏd
rīd*e*
Rŏb′ ẽrt
rōd*e*
rōl*l*
rōōts
rōṣ′ ĕṣ
round
rŭn
Ru̇th
said (sĕd)
sănd
săp
săt
sa̤w
sā*y*
sayṣ
schōōl
sē*e*

sēedṣ
sēen
sĕv′ en
shăll
shē
shĕllṣ
shīneṣ
shōōt
shọuld
shōw
sĭng
sĭs′ tẽr
sĭx
skȳ
slĕd
slīde
slōw
snōw
snōw′ bạll
snōw′bĭrdṣ
snōw′flākes
snōw man
sō
sŏft
sȯme
sōōn
sour
spēak
spĭn
sprĭng
squĭr′ rĕl
stärṣ
stĕp
stĭck
stĭll
stōneṣ
stōre
strŏng
sụg′ ar
sŭn
swạnṣ
swēet
swĭm
swĭng

tā′ ble
tāke
tạll
tēa′ sĕt
tĕll
tĕn
tĕnt
thănk
thăt
thē
thêir
thĕm
thĕn
thêre
thēṣe
the̱y
thĭnk
thĭs
thōṣe
thrēe
thrōw
tĭck-tŏck
tīme
tīred
tọ
tọ-dāy′
tōō
tŏŏk
tŏps
tôr′ toĭse
tŏss
trēe
trȳ
two̱

ŭn′ dẽr

ŭp
ŭs

vĕr′ ȳ
vī′ ȯ lĕt

wạ*l*k
wạ*l*k *e*d
wạrm
wạs̱
wạsh
wạ*t*ch
wạ′ tẽr
wē

wĕl*l*
wĕnt
wĕr*e*
whạt
whē*e*l
whĕn
where
whĭp
whī*l*e
whī*t*e
whọ
whȳ
wĭl*l*
wĭnd
wĭn′ dȯ*w*

wĭsh
wĭth
wō*k*e
wọlf
wo͝odṣ
wo͝ol
work
wọ*ul*d

yärn
yē*a*rṣ
yĕl′ lō*w*
yĕs
*yo*ū
*yo*ūr

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